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Further to my letter of 22 January 1991 (S/22131), I have the honour to inform you, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 678 (1990), of the action taken by the French armed forces within the framework of the plans drawn up jointly with the members of the coalition of countries co-operating with Kuwait with a view to securing the implementation of resolution 660 (1990) and all pertinent subsequent resolutions of the Council.

Our air forces have participated in the attack on ground-to-air artillery sites in Kuwait and the attack on armoured units of the Republican Guard in Iraq; the two most recent raids on the Republican Guard were carried out this morning. Our aircraft also continue to help maintain allied air superiority.

Our naval forces, which are being deployed through the Western European Union, are operating in the Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, the Bab al Mandab and the Red Sea. They continue to monitor the embargo and conduct escort and minesweeping missions.

Lastly, our ground forces are continuing their preparations. A number of additional logistical facilities have been installed.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pierre-Louis BLANC